

FOREIGN TRADE OFFICE TO BE MAINTAINED HERE

Chamber of Commerce Designated
to Co-Operate With Federal De-
partment in Export Information.

RUNNELS IN ACTIVE CHARGE

Data as to Opportunities in Busi-
ness Abroad Will Be Kept Up to
Date—Arrange Conferences for
Commercial Agents.

The Richmond Chamber of Commerce has been officially designated as a co-operative office of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce. It is expected the foreign trade section of the chamber will begin to function in a few days. W. T. Runnels is named as representative of the chamber, and E. M. Runnels, assistant to the business manager, will direct the details of the work which can be made of great usefulness to the manufacturing interests of Richmond and contiguous territory.

The Washington bureau will supply the chamber with a complete copy of the "Exporters' Index" for Richmond and vicinity. This index will be kept right up to date and all additional data communicated to Washington. The chamber office will receive and arrange conferences and meetings for visiting commercial attaches of foreign governments, commercial agents, and consuls on leave to this country as they may be sent to Richmond by the Washington office.

On file in the chamber's co-operative office will be all the information which the bureau in Washington distributes to its district offices. This will include the details and addresses of "Foreign Trade Opportunities," photostatic copies of plans and specifications which have been prepared here, and only to district offices of the bureau, a confidential list of buyers, agents and trade lists issued by the bureau, and telegraphic trade opportunities which have been received by cable.

Ordinarily the information which the Washington bureau can furnish in answer to an inquiry is arbitrary in limit. This is necessary not only on account of the great volume of requests, but also because of the limited force of the bureau. However, on account of the large number of manufacturers and other Richmond concerns interested in foreign trade, requests through the chamber co-operative office will receive more detailed and unlimited attention.

GILPIN EXPECTS TO CARRY SEVEN OF TEN DISTRICTS

Messages from Cumberland and Buckingham counties to the headquarters of Kenneth N. Gilpin at Murphy's Hotel, yesterday were to the effect that both counties are strongly favorable to Mr. Gilpin's candidacy. Mr. Gilpin, who was in Richmond this week, expresses confidence in being able to carry seven of the ten congressional districts, as things now stand, with probability of carrying two others. From now on he will devote much of his time in the counties where organization has not been fully perfected.

BOY SCOUTS GO TOMORROW TO CAMP IN CHESTERFIELD

Between fifty and seventy-five Richmond Boy Scouts will leave the headquarters at North Eighth street, tomorrow morning to spend several days at the summer camp in Chesterfield County. The camp will be under the direction of A. L. Thomas, who is well acquainted with forestry and camp life, and the assistant director will be William Ralston. The camp will run for a period of six weeks.

ROYAL ARCANUM OBSERVES ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY

McCarthy Council, No. 48, Royal Arcanum, last night celebrated the forty-fifth anniversary of the Arcanum with a special program presented to the auditorium of John Marshall High School. This date was celebrated throughout the country by the various chapters of the organization.

Those taking part in the ceremonies were Miss Minnie Volkman, Miss Besse May, Dudley C. H. Ashburn, Miss Allene Ruffin, Mrs. Walter Eugene Stoner, Dickerson and Messrs. Pierce and Rieger. W. T. Dabney, business manager of the Chamber of Commerce, made the introductory speech.

Held for Grand Jury.

Ashton Walker and David Wiggins, arrested Wednesday in a raid by Federal prohibition agents on a still in Dinwiddie County, were yesterday arraigned before United States Commissioner Flegenheimer and held for the Federal grand jury. Being unable to furnish bail, they were remanded to Henrico County Jail.

Aldermen Meet Tonight.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen has been called by President William H. Adams for tonight at 8 o'clock, to act upon several appropriation measures which will be on the table and to dispose of the 6-cent car fare resolution.

Presents Play Tonight.

The Wide Awake Club will present "Always in Trouble" at Bellevue Junior High School tonight at 8:15 o'clock. The play is given under the auspices of the Oakwood Baptist Sunday School.

Piano Recital Tonight.

A piano recital will be given at 8:15 o'clock tonight in Stiefel auditorium by the piano pupils of Adrianna Kuyk Ludwig. No cards have been issued, and the public is invited.

Rowelle On Vacation.

Clerk E. M. Rowelle, of the City Circuit Court, is spending his vacation at Virginia Beach. He is accompanied by Mrs. Rowelle.

Today and Tonight In Richmond

Baseball, Richmond vs. Rocky Mount, Mayo Island Park, 4:30 P. M.
Organization meeting, Service Legion, on roof garden of Westmoreland club, 4:30 P. M.
Harry St. George Tucker meeting, Chimboraazo School, 8 P. M.
Ward meeting under auspices of Richmond League of Women Voters, William Fox School, 8:15 P. M.
Board of Aldermen, 8 P. M.
School Board, Administrative Building, 8 P. M.
For plays, see "Theater Calendar" on editorial page.

U. S. OFFICIALS OPEN FIRE ON ORIENTAL UNIVERSITY

American Medical Association Also Criticizes Corporation Commission for Not Revoking Charter.

Does any man or woman in the State of Virginia hold a degree that is conferred by the Oriental University of Washington, D. C.? If so, you have an opportunity to do the State Corporation Commission a good turn by communicating with it at once and telling how, where, when and under what circumstances the degree was conferred.

The Oriental University of Washington, D. C., is under fire and the State Corporation Commission is extremely interested in its case, as is also the office of the United States Attorney-General, which has asked the commission to revoke the university's charter. The American Medical Association is another interested party, and its official organ has asked the State Corporation Commission to take for not revoking the charter.

Oriental University was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia in 1905, with authority to exercise all privileges and prerogatives, even to the conferring of degrees. Its location is given as Washington, D. C.

A public service corporation which is guilty of irregularities in the conduct of its business is subject to revocation, but a university is not bound by the same rules. The Oriental University, it was stated at the Capitol yesterday, has regularly paid its charter fees. Whether it actually maintains any kind of a school at the national capital is not known at the State House. Certain it is that its alumni are not conspicuous in Virginia.

HANG TURNER THIS MORNING FOR MURDER OF MOORE

William Turner, the negro who was convicted of the murder of T. Morgan Moore, of Alexandria, torpedo expert, more than a year ago, will be hanged some time this morning in the courtyard of the Henrico County Jail. Only legal witnesses will be permitted to witness the execution.

Turner's crime was committed in Arlington County, a short distance from the south end of the bridge across the Potomac River. Moore was in an automobile with his fiancée on the night of the murder. He was escorted by Turner with a demand for money. Moore fired at Turner with a small-caliber revolver, hitting him in the hand and thigh. Turner returned the fire, killing Moore.

President Harding refused to interfere with the sentence of the court when he was appealed to for commutation of sentence to life imprisonment.

SERVICE LEGION TO HOLD ORGANIZATION MEETING

An organization meeting of the Service Legion will be held at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon on the roof garden of the Western Hotel, under the auspices of the Richmond Group of Women Workers of the World War. All persons who rendered any patriotic service during the world war are urged to attend this meeting and take part in the organization of the Service Legion.

Arthur Kyle Davis, chairman of the Virginia War History Commission, has issued hundreds of letters to persons on the list compiled by the commission, urging a large attendance.

RICHMOND REPUBLICANS TO HOLD MASS-MEETING

It was announced yesterday that a mass-meeting of Republicans of Richmond would be held on July 2, the place and time to be named later. Indications are that the Republican party will have candidates in the field for practically every office, city and State. The Norfolk convention, July 17, will also be determined upon.

Must Pay for Diamond.

A verdict for \$400 was returned in City Circuit Court yesterday in the suit of Wilkinson and Mosby against James R. and H. N. Bailey. The suit was for the alleged value of a diamond ring. The defense was that the ring had not been purchased, but was loaned to the defendants on approval and that shortly afterwards the ring was lost. The jury fixed the responsibility upon the defendants.

Returns From Tour of Southwest.

A. H. Fitzhugh, one of the candidates for Lieutenant-Governor in the primary on August 2, returned to Richmond yesterday from a tour of the counties in the southwestern section of the State. Accompanied by Mrs. Fitzhugh, he will leave tonight for his home at Machiponga, on the Eastern Shore, where they will spend the weekend.

Candidates Speak Tonight.

The Richmond League of Women Voters will be held tonight in the auditorium of the William Fox School at 8:15 o'clock, candidates for the offices of Commonwealth Attorney, Commissioner of Revenue, City Treasurer and City Sergeant will make addresses.

City Club for College Merger.

At the meeting of the City Club of Richmond yesterday afternoon resolutions approving the merger of the medical colleges of the State were approved and Richmond was suggested as the logical site. Addresses were made by Oliver J. Sands, Morgan R. Mills, and S. P. Jones.

VIRGINIA ROADS RAPPED BY AUTO CLUB OFFICIAL

No Sign Post Needed, Wells Declares, to Advise Traveler He Has Crossed Line.

CAR DEALERS HERE AGREE

Highway Association Secretary Says It Is Because of Such Conditions That Body Urges Issuance of State Bonds.

Circulars setting forth the deplorable conditions of the roads of Virginia are now being distributed throughout the United States by the Bureau of Tours of the Automobile Club of America, the first of which was sent to Richmond yesterday. O. M. Wells, chief roadman of the organization, sketches the conditions of roads in the Eastern and Southern Coast States and pays high tribute to Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

Speaking of the road situation in Virginia, Mr. Wells had the following to say:

"From the Maryland line to Cape Charles there is a stretch of seventy miles of poor dirt roadway, all in Virginia. It is never necessary to erect a sign to inform motorists when they cross the Virginia line. Those who are familiar with road conditions throughout this State can tell immediately, night or day, when the State line is crossed, for no other Commonwealth in the East has so little attention to public roads. The result of this neglect is plainly seen in the contrast between the Virginia end of the peninsula and the Maryland-Delaware section."

Pretty Homes on Every Side.

"From both Wilmington and Elkton south, through Delaware and Maryland, all the way to Doomsday City, the countryside is a blanket of beautiful green, the villages are bright with pretty homes and well-kept lawns, the farm lands are in a good state of cultivation and evidences of progressive and thrifty population are apparent on every side."

"In Virginia, from Doomsday City down to Cape Charles, the soil is fertile and productive, and the farm lands seem to exercise a fair measure of prosperity, but the roads are deep with dust and the foliage along the way looks dirty and unattractive."

"The very conditions to which the Automobile Club of America refers have prompted the Virginia Good Roads Association to conduct its campaign for the issuance of State bonds, as the association does not believe that it will be available to provide adequate funds for the needed construction of State highways as pointed out by O. M. Wells in any other way," commented V. D. L. Robinson, executive secretary of the Virginia Good Roads Association last night.

Gives Road Money Figures.

"It is estimated," he continued, "that it will require from sixteen to eighteen years, or longer, to complete the State system of 3,800 miles operating under the present plan of financing and with a continuation of the present sources of revenue. Under the most optimistic Virginia is only certain of the proceeds of the mill tax, estimated at \$1,600,000, one-third of the automobile tax, amounting to \$500,000, and the convict labor, valued at \$300,000, or a total of \$2,400,000 for the construction of the State highway system. Should Congress continue the \$2,000,000 appropriation as Federal aid and the General Assembly appropriate the same, the State of Virginia would only have \$2,500,000 for the construction of the State highway. This amount is wholly inadequate, if Virginia keeps pace with the road construction program of the other States, to say nothing of overcoming the handicap which Maryland, West Virginia and North Carolina has over Virginia in roads already constructed."

Several prominent automobile dealers of this city stated yesterday that the facts as set forth by the Automobile Club of America are thoroughly in accordance with their views. One said that, while the roads in a terrible state, they have improved wonderfully during the past three years.

30 VENIREMEN SUMMONED FOR THE CAMP LEE CASE

Thirty veniremen, from whom a jury will be chosen to try the condemnation proceedings involving the acquisition of Camp Lee by the Federal government, were summoned yesterday by United States Marshal J. C. Sanders. They are:

Henry W. Rountree, H. S. Blaswanger, Lewis D. Aylett, George W. Warren, H. R. Pollard, Jr., R. T. Harrison, Fritz Sitterling, Jr., S. T. Beveridge, C. Barksdale Lathrop, Ralph P. Harrison, Henry S. Hutchings, Clinton L. Williams, A. L. Adamson, Albert V. Wadley, Henry S. Hutzler, Thomas G. Snyder, George A. Tower, Thomas L. Moore, James A. Moncreur, Gordon Wallace, Thomas D. Stokes, William F. Wood, Julian Ruffin, Harry C. Patterson, W. Patterson, W. Frank Powers, Charles H. Thompson, W. B. Frayser, H. B. Posenau and W. L. Brittle.

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\$250,000 Is Asked For Playgrounds

Dickerson Introduces Ordinance in Council Providing Bonds.

Declaring that the city needs more playgrounds and parks and that a public comfort station at Seventh and Broad Streets is badly needed, Councilman James E. Dickerson last night, at the meeting of Common Council, presented, under suspension of the rules, a resolution providing for a bond issue of \$250,000 to be utilized in the purchase of necessary property for such playgrounds and comfort station.

The bonds are to be 4 1/2 per cent, thirty-four-year issue. The paper was referred to the Finance Committee, and may be taken up at the meeting of that committee Monday night.

Mr. Dickerson is urging the purchase of two sites in the East End for playgrounds, one adjoining Oakwood Cemetery, the other opposite Fulton Hill School.

BUILDING PERMITS CALL FOR OUTLAY OF \$50,047

Seven applications for permits to build dwelling houses and do repairs were filed with Building Inspector Butler yesterday, which, said upward trend in construction activity. Those applying for permits were:

W. Leonard, to build a brick store and dwelling, 2406 North Avenue, to cost \$10,000.

Muhleman & Kahoe, to build a one-story frame dwelling on Elmhurst Road, west of Gordon Street, to cost \$6,000.

Bertie P. Tyler, to build frame and stucco dwelling at 2888 Ginter Park Terrace, to cost \$20,000.

George B. Harris, to build frame and stucco dwelling at 2912 Second Avenue, East Highland Park, to cost \$5,000.

H. W. Higgeson, to build frame and stucco dwelling at 2020 Hanes Avenue, to cost \$7,000.

Mrs. Isabelle Gilliam, to repair brick dwelling at 11 East Franklin Street, to cost \$5,500.

A permit was issued to Mrs. J. T. Crawford, to build a frame and stucco dwelling at 3209 Brook Road, to cost \$8,997.

PORTSMOUTH 7-CENT FARE CASE POSTPONED TO JULY 5

General J. P. Jervey, city manager of Portsmouth, which city is opposing the efforts of the Virginia Railway and Power Company to secure a 7-cent fare in Portsmouth, yesterday asked the State Corporation Commission to postpone the hearing of the traction company's appeal until the city has had time in which to prepare its case. The hearing had been set originally for next Monday morning, but in deference to the wishes of Portsmouth a delay was granted until July 5.

Virginia Beach

Superior Service Via

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Two fast all-steel trains with Pullman parlor cars leave Broad Street Station daily at 9:00 A. M. and 3:30 P. M., connecting in Union Depot, Norfolk, with trains direct to Virginia Beach, thus avoiding transfer of passengers and baggage across the city. The N. & W. is the only line offering this convenience.—Adv.

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With CONRAD NAGEL in

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CHEATWOOD BESTS CITY IN SHOCKOE CREEK CASE

Supreme Tribunal Upholds Verdict Returned Here in the Law and Equity Court.

The State Supreme Court of Appeals, in a decision handed down yesterday, affirmed the verdict of the jury in the Law and Equity Court in the case of W. A. Cheatwood, merchant, against the city of Richmond, who sued for damage done to his property several years ago by the overflow of Shockoe Creek. As a result, Richmond may have to pay out \$15,000.

The city's contention at the trial of the case was that, in view of the fact that the overflowing of the creek was an act of Providence, the city could not be adjudged guilty of negligence. The jury, however, did not take that view of the case, and the Supreme court agreed with its verdict.

Mr. Cheatwood was one of sixty-four persons who sued the city as a result of the overflow of the creek. He claimed damages in a higher sum than any of the other plaintiffs, having sued for \$20,000. The claims of the others range from \$500 up to several thousand. All the claims are not identical, however, and the city contends that many of the plaintiffs had ample time to remove the goods they maintained were damaged by the flood to places of safety. The City Attorney's office has indicated that it will not make known its course until it has been officially apprised of the Cheatwood decision.

BUSINESS STUDY CLUB ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Neil P. Elliott, manager of the Sun Life Company for Virginia and other Southern States, spoke at the meeting of the Modern Business Study Club at the Richmond Hotel last night, taking "Preparation" as his subject. His address was heartily received by the club.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: W. M. Ingerson, president; H. M. Baker, vice-president; Theodore Haxall, treasurer; and Harry M. Bantel, secretary. C. M. Andrews, J. Thomas Priddy, W. L. O'Flaherty, executive committee.

R. E. Hotze, Jr., publicity, and R. Leon Reams, educational advertising.

Long Services Are Rewarded.

Mayor Almle has approved a joint resolution placing Joseph S. Smith, member of the Fire Department, on the superannuated list. He has served the city for thirty-six years as a member of the department, and now has grown too feeble for active duty. He will receive \$38 a month from the pension fund.

REV. J. E. McSPARRAN DIES HERE AT AGE OF 87

Was Chaplain in Confederate Army and Member of Methodist Conference 50 Years.

Rev. J. E. McSparran, Methodist minister, died yesterday at the home of his son, Dr. E. C. McSparran, 408 North Allen Avenue. Mr. McSparran was 87 years old and retired from the pulpit fifteen years ago because of his age. He was a member of the Virginia Conference for half a century. During the War between the States, Dr. McSparran served as a chaplain in the Confederate Army.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence and interment will be in Riverside Cemetery. Dr. McSparran was survived by three sons, Dr. E. C. Dr. J. L. and Rev. E. B. McSparran, and one sister, Mrs. Daisy Hill.

JOHN ROGER WILLIAMS DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

John Roger Williams, 29 years old, of 1205 Ashland Street, died early yesterday morning at Grace Hospital after an illness of about two months. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Vera Watson, and by two small children; also by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Williams, of Barton Heights; three brothers, William, Donnan and Stuart Williams; and two sisters, Mrs. Fred Lewis and Mrs. H. T. Webber.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from Laurel Street Methodist Church and the interment will be made in Riverside Cemetery. Masonic services at the grave will be conducted by Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 207, A. F. & A. M., of which Mr. Williams was a member. The lodge is called to meet at the Masonic Temple this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to attend the funeral. The church service will be conducted by Rev. J. E. Loughton, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. J. J. Gravatt, D. D., chaplain of the Masonic lodge.

Billie Estate Valued at \$12,500. Charles R. Billie, yesterday, qualified as administrator of the estate of Theresa Gertrude Billie in Chancery Court. The estate is valued at \$12,500. Margaret C. F. Hargrave qualified as administratrix of the estate of James L. Hargrave, valued at \$5,300.

Qualify as Special Officers.

E. A. Gordon qualified before City Clerk McDowell yesterday as special officer charged with the public park at Highland Park, and C. W. Baker qualified as special officer for the Seventh Street Garage Corporation.

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